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### **Patents**

1. U.S. Patent No. 3,337,919, issued August 29, 1967, entitled "Container Rim Beading Apparatus", of *Brown*;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,540,543, issued September 10, 1985, entitled "Injection Blow Molding Process and Apparatus", of *Thomas et al.*;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,559,197, issued December 17, 1985, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Flanging Tubular Polymer Articles", of *Dick et al.*;
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,665,682, issued May 19, 1987, entitled "Method for Producing a Hot Fillable, Collapse Resistant Polyester Container Without the Need to Utilize Set Process Techniques and/or Non-Conventional Container Geometries", of *Kerins et al.*;
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,731,011, issued March 18, 1988, entitled "Injection Blow Molding Maching", of *Nakamura et al.*;
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,889,752, issued December 26, 1989, entitled "One Piece Self-Standing Blow Molded Plastic Containers", of *Beck*;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,698,645, issued December 16, 1997, entitled "Process for Preparing Cycloolefin Copolymers", of *Weller et al.*;
8. U.S. Patent f5,753,275, issued May 19, 1998, entitled "Cavity Plates Aligning and Guiding Apparatus in Disk Injection Molded Dies", of *Takahashi et al.*;
9. U.S. Patent No. 6,164,947, issued December 26, 2000, entitled "Adjustable Curling Screw Mechanism for a Lip Rolling Machine", of *Lamson*;
10. U.S. Patent 6,237,791, issued May 29, 2001, entitled "Wide Mouth Hot Fill Container", of *Beck et al.*; and
11. U.S. Patent No. 6,554,154, issued April 29, 2003, entitled "Thermoformed Container Having Improved Strength to Weight Ratio in Sidewall", of *Chauhan et al.*

**Publications**

1. *Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology*, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed., pp. 983-996 (Wiley).

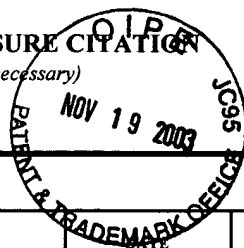
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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		U.S. Patent 4,540,543	9/10/85	Thomas et al.	264	526	
		U.S. Patent 4,559,197	12/17/85	Dick et al.	264	249	
		U.S. Patent 4,665,682	5/19/87	Kerins et al.	53	452	
		U.S. Patent 4,731,011	3/15/88	Nakamura et al.	425	529	
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		U.S. Patent 5,753,275	5/19/98	Takahashi et al.	425	186	
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		U.S. Patent 6,237,791	5/29/01	Beck et al.	215	379	
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